



7 Day North Island Experience

12 - 18 January

Your Itinerary

DAY 1 AUCKLAND - ROTORUA

We meet at Auckland Airport then board our bus to Hobbiton for a guided tour through the famous movie set of the Hobbit - see Hobbit Holes, Green Dragon Inn & Watermill.

Following this, we continue our drive to the thermal wonderland of Rotorua!

Includes: First group dinner | Discuss the exciting days ahead | Meet your crew

DAY 2 ROTORUA

Our first stop of the day is Te Puia; the premier Maori cultural centre in New Zealand and a place of gushing waters, steaming vents, boiling mud pools and spectacular geysers.

After Te Puia, we have free time so you might like to try White Water Rafting, Zorb or Swoop Swing or take some time for souvenir shopping.

Tonight we are in for a very special night as we enter the world of Tamaki. We take the Tamaki Waka to Tamaki Village where we discover Maori art forms, ancient rituals and traditions, experience thrilling song and dance and then eat a delicious and authentic Maori Hangi.

Includes: Breakfast | Te Puia | Maori Village | Traditional Maori Hangi | Dinner

DAY 3 ROTORUA - TAUPO

We say goodbye to Rotorua and travel south from here to Huka Falls, New Zealand's largest waterfall by volume.

We then stop at Spa Park Taupo where you can dip your feet or soak in the natural hot springs which meet the crystal clear Waikato river and onto Taupo where you'll have time for lunch, explore the town and beautiful lakefront.

This afternoon we take a scenic lake cruise to see the beautiful Maori Carvings on the rock wall.

Includes: Breakfast | Huka Falls | Scenic Cruise | Dinner

DAY 4 TAUPO - TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK

We farewell Taupo and continue around the shores of Lake Taupo to arrive at the picturesque Tongariro National Park.

We ride the 'Sky Waka' Gondola up the North Island's highest mountain, Mount Ruapehu for lunch up the top, with stunning views all over the Central North Island.

We enjoy a short walk to view a beautiful waterfall before checking into our accommodation, then there's time this afternoon for a soak in the spa pools before enjoying a hearty dinner.

Includes: Breakfast | Sky Waka Gondola | Dinner

DAY 5 TONGARIRO - WAITOMO

Today we head North to Waitomo (Wai= water Tomo=large opening or hole) known throughout the world for the Glow-worm caves.

First up is a sheep shearing experience and hot lunch before we visit the main cave. We enter the Waitomo Caves via a grand entrance, and then follow the narrow paths down deep into the earth, finishing with a boat trip in the dark under a canopy of sparkling glow worms.

Later we check out the Discovery Centre to find out more about this fascinating region.

Tonight is a homecooked meal.

Includes: Breakfast | Waitomo Caves | Group sports | Dinner

DAY 6 WAITOMO - RAGLAN

Today we're off to check out to the beautiful black sand beaches of the West Coast of the North Island.

First up is 'Manu Bay' where we watch the surfers in action before walking on the black sand at Ocean beach, then there's free time in the town to grab lunch and take pictures on the wharf.

Tonight is our final night together where we'll enjoy 'fish n chips' on the black sand beach next to our accommodation and get some photos of the magnificent west coast sunset over the water. We finish our tour with some group activities and presentations.

Includes: Breakfast | Raglan Beaches | Beach walk | Dinner

DAY 7 RAGLAN - HOME

This morning we visit Hamilton Gardens then stop in town for lunch before heading to Auckland. We drop you off at Auckland Airport at 4pm with an amazing bunch of new friends and 'ferntastic' memories.

Includes: Breakfast | Hamilton Gardens | Airport transfer | New memories | New friends